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I informed Congressman Richards (D., S. Car.), who will become Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in the 84th Congress, that the case of about whom he called me some weeks ago, was under serious consideration in the Agency, but that necessary security clearances which were initiated in October would take at least 90 days.

I also informed the Chairman that the Director would be most happy to offer him any briefing facilities prior to his departure for the Far East that he might desire. Mr. Richards declined this offer with thanks as time would not permit any such briefing. I told him that we would be very anxious to see both him and Mr. Vorys upon their return, and he said he was certain that both would be pleased to talk with us at that time about the trip.

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